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The Weather  
Cloudy tonight and Fri-  
day. Probably snow to-  
night. Not much change  
in temperature.

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# GERMANS MAKE OVERTURE TO U.S.; WOMEN BRAVE SMOKE AND FLAME

## MANAGER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT BIG SUCCESS

### Eliminates Politics And Secures More For Tax Payers' Money

To secure first-hand information as to the practical workings of the city or town manager form of government the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce in California recently made a nation wide inquiry where the plan was in operation.

## NEWPORT WILL OPEN PORTALS TO 500 BOYS

### Committee Makes Last Minute Plans for Entertainment

A large proportion of the different committees who are planning for the annual conference of the Older Boys of Vermont, scheduled to meet in Newport about the middle of January met at the council room in the Armory last night and got things lined up so that in a very few days their plans will take definite shape. It is no small task to find homes, enough who can and will take in these boys. Some families may be willing to furnish both lodging and meals, some only meals or only lodging. Those who are so situated that they can do neither one will perhaps pay for the entertainment of one or more visitors.

Think the matter over carefully plan what you can do for these boys who are coming together for this splendid conference, planned to give inspiration and instruction along lines in which boys are so vitally interested. Don't wait for the committee to look you up before you make up your mind what you can do. Be ready for them and let every one open wide their doors and give these 500 boys a royal welcome in our homes.

Rev. J. H. Blackburn is the general chairman of the entertainment committee, and he has appointed as vice-chairmen, Mrs. Arabelle Parker for the East side of town and D. N. Howell for the West side. Other members of this committee are W. R. Prouty, Robert Clement, E. L. Richard, C. A. Brown, M. R. Bacon, Walter Cleary, Carroll Huntington, Mrs. W. J. Smith, Mrs. Charles Taylor and Mrs. John Cunningham.

Mrs. E. N. Dodge was appointed temporary chairman of the supper committee. Mrs. A. A. Bishop of the music committee, and Rev. Le Roy Rice of the meetings committee. These are to meet soon and where necessary will be augmented and lined up for action. With Rev. H. E. Rankin as general chairman, and the able assistance which is sure to be forthcoming, there is little doubt that everything will be done to make the boys happy and comfortable.

## TO ARREST KU KLUX KLANSMEN IN HARRISON

HARRISON, N. J., Dec. 21—Instructions to arrest anyone appearing in the city wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan and orders to have the sanity of all such persons determined by physicians, posted today by the chief of police. The orders adopted by the Common Council also include the unmaking of hooded individuals and 10 days imprisonment.

## LEATHER MANUFACTURER DIES OF INFLUENZA

WOBUEN, Mass., Dec. 21—Summer Hopkinson, head of the Hopkinson Leather company of this city, said to be one of the largest patent leather manufacturers in the country, died today from influenza.

## Help Many Escape From Apartments

### Fire Loss \$20,000 In Boston Back Bay District

(By the Associated Press)

BOSTON, Dec. 21—The escape without injury of the occupants of a smoke and flame filled apartment house on Newbury street in the Back Bay district early today was due largely to the coolness and courage of three of their number. The fire which started in the basement caused damage of \$20,000.

Miss Mary L. Merrill and her sister, Susan E. Merrill of this city and Exeter, N. H., were awakened by smoke pouring into their room on the ground floor. Slipping into fur coats and shoes they investigated and found the rear of the building in flames.

Immediately they cried out a warning and then went from room to room arousing the occupants. Simultaneously Allen Brown Farmer, whose room was on the 3d floor, was engaged in a similar task. When the firemen arrived they found only one person left in the building, a maid occupying a basement room whom they quickly assisted to the street.

## WED IN 1879 HE NOW SUES FOR DIVORCE

### Lyndonville Man Has Not Seen Wife for 15 Years

CALEDONIA county court adjourned Thursday for the holiday recess, to meet again January 9. Wednesday was devoted to the hearing of several divorce cases. One that presented features considerably out of the ordinary was that of Frank Q. Powers of Lyndonville against Jennie E. Powers. They were married in November 1879. After living together for 25 years, the petitioner's testimony alleged that Mrs. Powers left town and Mr. Powers has not seen her since, and the current impression was that "there was another man in the case."

After hearing nothing from her or about her for 15 years, Mr. Powers learned, on what he considered reliable authority that his wife was dead. A few years later he married the second time. A year or so ago he received news that his first wife was still alive and was threatening to make trouble for him. He separated from his wife he was then living with and proceeded to inaugurate divorce proceedings. He sues on the ground of desertion.

Other cases heard were: Margaret M. Robinson v. Robert N. Robinson, on the ground of intolerable severity; and Fred Destrop v. Angelina Destrop for desertion.

## 26 INDICTMENTS FOUND BY GRAND JURY

BATTLEBORO, Dec. 21—Twenty-six indictments have been found by the grand jury in the December term of the United States District court and the grand jury have been discharged. Aside from the naturalization on the first day the business of the term was limited to the grand jury proceedings. District Attorney V. A. Bullard presented evidence in twenty-nine cases, a large proportion of them being running cases.

## BURGLARS GET AWAY WITH \$15,000 LOOT

BOSTON, Dec. 21—Burglars took \$15,000 loot in a store was discovered today. They broke into the Grand Brothers Co., shop in a Boylston street building, stole furs valued at \$10,000. In a Washington street building a store was robbed of dress goods and bolts of cloth.

## THE PRESIDENT INTRODUCES RIGID ECONOMY TO CONGRESS

By MORRIS



## EDITORIAL

### A CORRECTION

Upon investigation we find that we made certain misstatements concerning J. Rolf Searles in the editorial published last Tuesday. We now learn that Mr. Searles has never received a salary from either the Town or the Village of St. Johnsbury and has never been counsel for the Village of St. Johnsbury in any capacity. We did not intend to accuse either Mr. Searles or the Village Trustees of any dishonesty and gladly make this correction.

## BACK UP MR. CALDBECK

We hope every voter and taxpayer will read the news story appearing in another column as to the success of cities and towns that have tried the town manager or commission form of government. We intend to run, day by day, instructive articles along the line of town and commission government so that the voters when they go to the polls on Tuesday, January 3d will be well informed on this subject and will not be laughed "out of court."

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## LATE NEWS

MONTPELIER, Dec. 21—A. V. Leo of the A. V. Leo Construction company in Thompson, Conn., low bidders on the Danville federal aid highway project, was in the city on Wednesday to sign a contract for the construction of the project. He expects to have his machinery on the ground this winter, but will not do much work until next spring.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 21—The Fall River textile council gave notice of action to demand an increase of wages at a date not later than March 1st. It is the opinion of the officers and delegates of the council that owing to the gradual increase in the cost of living since the reduction of 22 1-2 per cent in the industry and the future outlook of the trade the time is rapidly approaching when the wages of the operatives should be increased.

BOSTON, Dec. 21—Lives of twenty-two seamen were endangered when an unidentified tramp trawler Ripple on the fishing banks steamer crashed into the steam off Cape Cod Monday night.

## MEET WACHTER FIVE TOMORROW AT WINDSOR

### Boston Army Base Team to Play Here Xmas Night

The Company D basket ball team, seeking new fields to conquer, leaves tomorrow afternoon for Windsor to battle with Leu Wachter's fast aggregation, in their own lair.

Weakened by the loss of Albert Gosant who will be unable to make the trip because of his duties during the holiday season Company D will be playing under adverse circumstances.

"Fuss" Connor who has gone to Boston to work for the remainder of the winter has consented to come back to Windsor for this game and also for the game with Keene that will take place Saturday night at Keene. The game with Keene will be the last in which this stellar forward will play in a Company D uniform because of his work in Boston.

Couch Burns expects a fast

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## CLEMENCEAU'S VISITS NETS \$20,000 SURPLUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Former Premier Clemenceau's American visit added \$20,000 to the American field service fund fellowships, Steven Bunsal, who managed the tour, announced today. The amount is the surplus of money received from lectures and newspaper articles by "The Tiger" after defraying the expenses of his trip. The war time Premier, it was explained, expressed a desire that any surplus be devoted in memory of his student years in the United States to the fellowships which are intended among other things to stimulate friendships between the U. S. and France through the education in each country of young men from the other.

## BOSTON GETS RID UNDESIRABLES

BOSTON, Dec. 21—Efforts of the police to rid the city of undesirable resulted last night and early today in 15 additional men being taken into custody downtown. Eighteen men were taken in previous nights.

## Seek Intervention For Reparations

### Americans Active In Plan To Secure Adjustment of Big Problem

(By the Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—German overtures through informal channels for American intervention to obtain a revision of German reparation schedules, reported in London dispatches of the Associated Press, throw the first definite

light on the method by which American influence is being drawn into a new attempt at final adjustment of the reparations problem. The

next step to be looked for is an indication of the French attitude of the German proposals that an American economic commission review estimate her capacity to pay as a basis for a new reparation's treaty.

There is reason to believe that previous government reports from Berlin are of a character to justify hope that if the French should prove agreeable to the proposed plan for reparation's revision no insurmountable obstacles would remain in the way of an agreement as to the specific amount Germany could and would pay.

The share of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S. in the shaping of the new proposals for adjustment of the European tangle dates back to executive discussion of the suggestion by directors of the Chamber with president Julius Barnes at the Galveston meeting of the board last month. Major and Elliott Goodwin, secretary general of the chamber, conferred at great length with Secretary Hughes last week.

## XMAS TREES MARK CLOSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Teachers and Pupils Join In Festive Gift- Giving

School rooms, teachers and children took on a festive air Wednesday for the close of school and Christmas trees and program were held in practically all the grades of the public schools. At the Arlington school, Miss Mary Lewis and Miss Margery Griswold, teachers, the exercises and tree were held in the evening and the audience were 120 parents, appreciative of the fine work being done in the school.

Summer street, Portland street, Fairbanks village, Maple street and the rural schools celebrated the coming of the holiday season in the time-honored way with trees, gift-giving and the reciting in song and story of the birth in Bethlehem. The Junior High school united in Christmas exercises held in the chancel Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

With the close of school there was a general exodus of teachers, hurrying to their homes for the two weeks' vacation. School will re-open Tuesday, January 2.

Among the teachers who are at their homes for the holidays are Miss Alice Sunderland, St. Albans; Miss Helen Hyde, Newfane; Miss Ruth McAuliffe, Burlington; Miss Madeline McDonald, Barre; Miss Helen Wakefield, North Troy; Miss Irene White, Bennington; Miss Edna Bowen, Newport; Miss Nellie Manchester, McIndoe; Miss Ethel Fitts, Bradford; Misses Ellen and Katherine Gitchell, Montpelier; Miss Florence Middlebrook, Milton; Miss Essie Ryder, Morrisville; Miss Eleanor Black, Hyde (Continued on page three)

## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE SUNDAY

### St. Johnsbury to Unite In Carolling Yuletide Message

The community Christmas tree at the Main and Winter streets corner of the municipal skating rink Sunday afternoon at 4:30 is for every man, woman and child in St. Johnsbury. It has been found more convenient to have the tree on the Summer street rink rather than in court house square and the large tree at the corner of the rink will be utilized.

Blossoming with bright lights, the tree, surrounded by singers, carolling the Christmas story, will emphasize the spirit of the season and deepen community life.

The community tree is being fostered by the St. Johnsbury Council of Religious Education under the direction of Mr. George W. Hylton assisted by Mrs. Stanley J. Stewart, Mrs. E. E. Doyle, John E. Nelson and Earl W. Bralley.

Massed around the tree, school children under the direction of Mrs. B. E. Doyle will sing the Christmas hymns and carols, led by groups of carol singers from the Girls' Community league, Miss Dorothy C. Walter, director. The chorus singing will be led by Charles A. Shields.

The community tree is a revival of the old custom, suspended during the war and is an attempt to bring every one together around a common tree in a spirit of Christmas joy and thankfulness.

## HOW ONE MAN WON

Voluminous books are written telling young men how they can succeed in business. But the biographies of successful business men tell just as much. The fellow who studies how a man like John Wanamaker, whose death has just caused deep regret, attained his position in the business world, will get a pretty good idea as to what are the foundations of success.

Mr. Wanamaker based his amazing results as a retail merchant principally on two ideas. First, fair treatment for the public; second, liberal advertising. The key-note of his whole career is found in the story of what he did with the receipts of his first business day as a clothing dealer. Out of the \$24.67 he had taken in on that day, he set aside 67 cents to make change with and spent the \$24 in advertising. Thereby he manifested the principles of initiative through which any man who sells good goods can make a success of business.

